OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

the City Of August

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of the "25th Annual Augusta Futurity"

WHEREAS, the Augusta event, sponsored by the Atlantic Coast Cutting Horse Association, is the largest competition east of the Mississippi, and is sanctioned by the National Cutting Horse Association, headquartered in Forth Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Futurity began in 1980 as a three-day show with just 103 entries. This year's event will run for ten days and competition will feature more than 600 entrants competing, cutting competition as the focal point, for a record breaking purse totaling more than \$800,000; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Futurity features the finest cutting horses and riders in the United States and Canada and attracts competitors from several foreign countries as well; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the debut of the Western Culture and Food Festival, featuring authentic cowboy and American Indian demonstrations, a variety of Western, traditional and Mexican food from local restaurants and performances from country, salsa and southern rock musical groups; and

WHEREAS, Augusta Futurity Festival Week is a series of events and activities for the entire family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim January 22-31, 2004, to be "AUGUSTA FUTURITY WEEK" in Augusta, Georgia, in celebration of its 25th Anniversary and urge all citizens to take recognition and participate in its festivities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 21st day of January 2004.